

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

The fan motor assembly 84 is installed within an upper portion of the fan housing 82, to be parallel with the intake port cover 86, and includes a fan motor 84c for driving via a rotational shaft 84b ~~a~~ and fan 84a to generate a suction force drawing air and steam from the steam intake port 82a and expelling the air and steam from the washtub 54 through the steam exhaust port ~~86b~~ 82b. The steam intake port 82a of the fan housing 82 is substantially flush with the inner surface of the door 56, and the steam exhaust port 82b of the fan housing preferably protrudes slightly from the outer surface of the door.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

The push member 96 includes a skewed hollow shaft 96a, disposed at a first predetermined angle with respect to the rotational shaft 84b of the fan motor 84c and hinge-coupled to the rotational shaft at a second predetermined angle so as to movably rotate against the rotational shaft, and a pair of pivoting arms 96b extending perpendicularly from the circumferential surface of the skewed hollow shaft. The inner diameter dimension of the skewed hollow shaft 96a, which is greater than the outer diameter dimension of the rotational shaft 84b of the fan motor 84c, depends on the second predetermined angle of the skewed hollow shaft. When the rotational shaft 84b rotates, a centrifugal force is created in the pivoting arms 96b of the skewed hollow shaft 96a, so that the pivoting arms are brought ~~parallel with~~ perpendicular to the rotational shaft 84b of the fan motor 84c. Hence, an inner lip of the

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skewed hollow shaft 96a pushes against the second surface of the annular flange 94b, to thereby compress the spring 92 and activate the linking rod 98.